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(Twice Amended) A retroreflective structure comprising an array of cube corner prisms which diffracts essentially all incoming light, wherein the retroreflected light includes a 0.33 degree angle of observation, uniform orientation-free cone of light.

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 and 15-19, and 21 are presently pending in the application. Claim 20 has been canceled herein.

A telephonic interview was held between the Applicants' Attorneys (Robert Conway and Erik Ence) and the Examiner (James Phan) on October 11, 2000. The Examiner is respectfully thanked for his time.

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner states that the Amendment After Final, filed September 20, 2000, will not be entered because the change in the specification raises a new issue that would require further consideration. Pursuant to the interview, Applicants respectfully request entry of the Amendment After Final mailed to the Patent Office on September 15, 2000 and received on September 20, 2000 including entry of the Declaration/Power of Attorney document signed by the inventors claiming priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to the filing date of U.S. Pat. No. 5,565,151 to Nilsen.

The Examiner further states in the Advisory Action that the rejection of Claims 17-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Stamm (U.S. Pat. No. 3,712,706) has not been resolved. As proposed in the interview and initially indicated by the Examiner to be allowable, Applicants have incorporated the limitations of Claim 20 into Claim 17. It is respectfully submitted that amended Claim 17 is in condition for allowance.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If

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a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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